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Changing the narrative on housing

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

Despite torrential downpour and flickering lights, the Minden Community Centre was packed on April 5 for the 2023 Haliburton County Housing Summit, presented by Places for People.

"I want to be clear that we are focused on appropriate housing today," said Fay Martin, vice-president of Places for People, "that's our focus: appropriate homes for all."

The day kicked off with a short introduction from MP Jamie Schmale, who shared that he was aware of the desperate need for additional homes in Ontario. "We would need 650,000 more units to break even with our G7 counterparts," said Schmale, alluding to the fact that Canada's housing market is the most undersupplied in all the G7 nations.

Warden Liz Danielson spoke next, echoing Schmale's concerns, and sharing that it is an issue that impacts communities across the board. "It's a catch-22," she said, "we can't build homes because we don't have workers, and we don't have workers because we have no housing."

The day scheduled a series of panel discussions, including conversations with local business owners who are struggling to find staff due to the housing shortage, discussions about private market housing that accommodates aging, and the finances involved in the housing big picture.

Keynote speakers included Lori-Anne Gagne, the CEO of Victoria Park Community Homes, and Graham Cubitt, director of projects and development at Indwell, and the president of Flourish. Both are founders and

members of Hamilton is Home Collaborative, which was a program dedicated to "outside the box" thinking to address the housing crisis.

Jennifer van Gennip was another keynote speaker. Van Gennip is the director of communications and advocacy for Redwood Park Communities, based out of Barrie. She is also affiliated with Simcoe County Alliances to end Homelessness, the Poverty Reduction Roundtable, and a series of living wage initiatives.

"If we want social change," she said, "we can't just tell different stories. We need to change the narrative."

A story-teller by nature, van Gennip shared a variety of ways that advocacy groups could lobby for affordable and accessible housing. She referenced that telling people what they "could" or "should" do is ill-advised, rather, she recommended asking politicians and decision makers, "what would it take?"

van Gennip has run with the concept of "YIMBY", standing for Yes In My Back Yard. This is to counteract the public concept of NIMBY, where "Yes" is replaced with "No".

"NIMBYism is a major obstacle," she said, "it drags out the appeal process, pushes up costs, and keeps out new residents."

Many housing advocacy groups are adamant that this mind-set exists as a primary reason affordable housing does not take natural shape within communities. Yes, while folks understand the need, they do not want it to happen near them. Largely due to the assumed social concerns that surround affordable housing.

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Sunny bunny

Emery Steele of Minden decorates an Easter Cookie at Abbey Gardens' annual Easter at the Gardens on April 8. The event saw hundreds of children and their families on the sunny spring day. For more photos, see inside this issue. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

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MP Jamie Schmale kicked off the 2023 Housing Summit on April 5 at the Minden Community Centre. He shared that he was aware of the concerns around housing, and is dedicated to making improvements where he can. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



Steven Rowell of Sir Sam's Inn, Tegan Legge of Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, and Fay Martin as facilitator, gathered to share their thoughts on a panel regarding affordable housing for staff in the area. Both Rowell and Legge spoke about how they were often short-staffed due to the lack of housing in Haliburton County.

Housing deserves 'solo moment in the sun'

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These social concerns - such as addictions, transportation, and mental health services - were not scheduled as specific points of conversation throughout the summit, though they did come up organically on occasion in relation to housing. Martin confirmed that this was done on purpose. "They [social issues] are indivisible from housing, but I specifically tried to keep them ancillary rather than the focus of the discussion," said Martin. "Housing on its own is complicated

enough to deserve its solo moment in the sun."

Martin believes that overall, the event was well attended, and received favourably. With government, medical, and citizen-based representation from each municipality, as well as organizations such as the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce; it was a group of movers and shakers that she feels will take some of the discussions from the day, and run with them.

"We as a community are seized with the issue and are being

quite inventive with addressing it," she said. "[We] need to do more of course, but have a self-sufficient attitude that will continue to stand us in good stead."

As for next steps, Martin knows that there is not a one-size-fits-all approach to housing. Though she did note that the wheels are in motion. "I promised those gathered that this was the beginning of a process, not simply an event," she said.

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Council asked to rethink snowmobile staging area

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Some Algonquin Highlands residents are against a proposal to allow a countywide snowmobile club to establish a staging area in their neighbourhood.

Glenn Kean brought residents' opposition to township council during an April 6 public meeting.

He said they're against council's February decision to allow a multi-season pilot project that would enable Haliburton County Snowmobile Association to have a staging area on Heron Landing Road.

Concern is stoked by the excessive noise caused by snowmobile traffic. He said it's particularly loud on weekends.

"It's especially loud when multiple trail users arrive in the area, which is usually early in the morning, and then proceed to offload their snowmobiles and let them idle while preparations are being made," he said.

Residents get to experience the nuisance racket again, he said, when trail users return to the staging area after their out-

back jaunt.

Weekends are basically the only time residents can enjoy peace and quiet, given the neighbourhood's proximity to a commercial quarry. The week days are disrupted by blasting and aggregate crushing at the quarry.

"Given the short period of time that the parking area has been in use, in February and March of this year, we can only imagine what next winter will bring," Kean said. "When the area becomes more well-known, it is likely to bring far more users for a longer period of time."

Opening the area to one group brings the potential for the area to become a staging area for other groups in the future. If taxpayers' money is used to accommodate the snowmobile club, how can a possible kayaker group or motorcycle club be refused?

Council's decision may have an impact on property values, he said. And there are potential security issues related to an influx of non-residents accessing the street.

Snowmobile trail users have even used residential driveways as space to turn around their trailer-laden vehicles.

"This type of unwanted entry onto my property has never occurred prior to council's approval," he said.

Mayor Liz Danielsen said council has only agreed to open that area to staging on a trial basis. She said council will take his comments into consideration before a decision is made on if and how the area will be used.

"There's been nothing determined about any long-term use there," she said. "We wanted to see how this turned out, basically. And I can see that there is definitely a downside to some of the residents."

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New Minden business welcomes all

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

A space to feel seen, a space to feel supported, a space to feel like the best version of yourself.

That's the dream for mother/daughter business partners Mary and Vanessa Douglas. "We want people to know that you don't have to go to a city to shop and feel beautiful," said Mary.

The co-owners opened their new shop, Mostly Her, on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden on April 5.

The shop is warm, welcoming, and filled with pops of colour from wall-to-wall.

Framed on their desk, is the mission statement for the business. It reads: "Our mission at Mostly Her is to provide our clients with high quality, affordable intimate apparel while providing a safe, non-judgmental place."

Mary and Vanessa stand by this through and through. They have set up a neon sign that reads "because your body loves it" and an inspiration wall next to the cash; sharing the importance of confidence, strength, and power; particularly for women.

"We want the shop to be a fun, interactive experience for everyone who walks through the door," said Vanessa.

Vanessa and Mary are no strangers to business. Mary runs On The Spot variety in downtown Minden, and Vanessa graduated from business at Trent University. When asked about running a business together, the two looked at one another and laughed. "We have very different ideas," said Mary, "but Vanessa brings in things for a younger crowd, and I work with things for my age group."

"So between the two of us, we have our



Vanessa and Mary Douglas are a mother and daughter duo who have opened up Mostly Her on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. The shop is designed for all people to feel safe, happy, and comfortable in their bodies. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

whole audience covered," added Vanessa.

The shop offers everything from bathing suits to loungewear to undergarments, and everything in between. They also carry underwear for men, as well as an entire line of mastectomy bras for women navigating breast cancer. The staff are trained to assist with fittings and adjustments for any interest and body shape.

Despite thunderstorms during their opening day, Mary and Vanessa both believe it was a success. "It was an amazing opening," beamed Mary. The two have seen a large growth in their social media following, and folks popping in regularly to explore the

new shop.

During their interview with the *Times*, one excited customer popped their head in the door, beaming, to say "I am so excited you're open, welcome to Minden!" Mary and Vanessa shared that they had seen a tremendous amount of response just like that. "We want to keep everything local, all the time," said Mary, "so we're so happy we can offer this right in our hometown."

Mostly Her is located at 112 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. For updates and hours of operation, visit their Instagram page @_mostlyher.

Robbery in Haliburton

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are looking for information that may assist in identifying a person in relation to a robbery investigation.

On Apr. 3, at approximately 4:21 p.m. a lone individual entered a business on Hops Drive in Municipality of Dysart et al. The person displayed an edged weapon and obtained a quantity of cash and alcohol. The person is described as white, approximately 5'9", heavy build, wearing a black leather jacket, grey Reebok hoodie, blue jeans, black balaclava and gloves. This person was also carrying a black and red duffle bag. The person left in a brown four-door, GMC Sierra pickup truck with a tonneau cover. There were no injuries reported to police.

Businesses and drivers in the area during that time with dashcams or security cameras are being asked to check their footage for any suspicious activity.

ontarioprovincialpolice.ca/evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/e230394383.

Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or have information that might assist with this ongoing investigation is asked to contact Haliburton Highlands OPP at 705-286-1431 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Kawartha Haliburton Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at <https://www.khcrimestoppers.com>.

The investigation is on-going at this time.

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Cross Cut, an exhibit by Rob Niezen, will be on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery May 4 – July 1. The exhibit features 24 linocuts illustrating traditional Ontario folk songs reimagined in a contemporary context. The opening reception with the artist will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 1-3 pm. The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information please look at the events calendar <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2023-05-04-1000-Cross-Cut-Exhibit-by-Rob-Niezen>.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Riverbanks can become unstable in the spring due to snowmelt and erosion. Keep family and pets away from the surfaces and edges of all bodies of water to prevent falling through or into cold and fast flowing water. Avoid recreational activities in or around water bodies, especially near ice-covered rivers and streams at this time of year. Do not attempt to walk, skate or drive on ice-covered bodies of water. Never drive through flooded roads or fast-moving water. If you live next to a river or stream, move patio furniture or other objects away from the water's edge to avoid losing them during potential spring high water. Rescuing another person or a pet from icy or fast flowing water is dangerous. If you see someone has fallen in a body of water, call 911 for help immediately.

(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Members of the Public will participate electronically, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

April 13 – Regular Council Meeting

April 27 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting; please download by visiting our CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx. Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.

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AH on its way to being cleaner and clearer

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Algonquin Highlands is putting the finishing touches to a Clean and Clear Bylaw.

Kristen Glass, a bylaw enforcement officer, and councillors debated the finer points of the legislation April 6. The draft bylaw was received as information by council.

"There was some definitions that we felt needed some tweaking and some clarification to help, especially with the idea of lawns and grass," she said. "To try to put in a definition for turf grass to, I guess, help clarify the concerns with the areas that we have in this township."

Clarification was required to discern rural areas from vacant lots, manicured lawns from forested areas. Some changes and exemptions were also worked out.

"To make sure that we are clear on the ponding of water and that would only be reflected on properties that perhaps have been altered not undisturbed vacant lands," she said.

Deputy Mayor Jennifer Dailloux said she appreciated how the bylaw includes methods for appropriate composting, the means by which pests could be avoided, and various ways to cover the mound.

"It's about keeping things neat and tidy and ... giving you the ability to find and use teeth where necessary to get something done if it has to be done," Dailloux said.

Councillor Angie Bird said she's had discussions about the bylaw's intent and desired outcomes from the rules.

"If council wishes, we could eliminate

some of the very specific things," Bird said.

Council could say the intent with rules governing composting is to prevent odorous properties. But that doesn't mean the compost has to be covered to avoid odours.

"It can be done properly without being covered," she said. "We specifically say yard waste, soil, or compost. It could be covered with something else, if someone wanted to. Or be uncovered. As long as there is no odour."

She suggested removing stipulations in the bylaw that pertains to covering compost wouldn't weaken the legislation.

"Realistically, we probably wouldn't be attending any properties that have proper composting procedures taking place," Glass said.

Meat and dairy products aren't recommended for composting, she said.

Glass said it's the spring of the year and coming into bear season. Any type of food scraps can attract the animals.

Mayor Liz Danielsen said, simply, composting generates odours. But the practice should be encouraged.

"I didn't read under the composting section (of the bylaw) that it needs to be in a container," she said. "But, personally, I think it should be covered."

"Maybe I don't understand enough about composting. I don't understand how you can have composting and use it extensively without there being odour and drawing animals to the site."

She said there's a number of natural materials that can be used as a compost cover to stifle smells.

Algonquin Highlands doesn't yet have an environment committee of council. Coun.

Lisa Barry suggested council should wait until such a committee is formed before the bylaw is adopted. She said the rules should be evaluated by an environment committee.

Danielsen said it's important that council nail down the Clean and Clear Bylaw, even without an environment committee.

"We are coming into a season where we want to be able to start to deal with some of these issues," Danielsen said.

Bird said there are municipal staff members who are adept at safeguarding the township's environmental integrity. There's little

that a committee can add to the bylaw conversation that staff already can't contribute, she said.

Coun. Sabrina Richards suggested an environment committee, when it comes into being, could monitor the bylaw's application and suggest any required changes later on.

Dailloux said future honing of the legislation would be policy-focused.

"There would be no reason to not pass it today and then keep an open mind as we learn," Dailloux said.

Minden Road conditions and closures

Please note that at press time on Apr. 11, this is the most up to date list of road closures in Minden Hills. For more information, visit www.mindenhills.ca

Due to flooding and severe washouts, the following roads remain CLOSED:

• Milburn Road

Milburn Road is closed due to a combination of a severe washout and a flooded road section. The washout is approximately 1km East of Gelert Road and the flooded section is approximately 2km East of Gelert Road.

• Upper Dutch Road

Upper Dutch Road is open to local traffic only. High water levels are flowing over the road at low points. All culverts are functioning; however the volume of water exceeds the culvert capacities. Repairs will be completed when water levels allow.

Residents should not attempt to drive through these areas.

The following roads remain open with restricted passage. Drivers should use caution and watch for signage and markers:

• Buller Road

Water levels have dropped, and water is no longer on the road. The road has sustained some washout damage on the shoulder. Drivers should use caution in the area. Roads crews will be in the area completing repairs as soon as possible.

• Conway Road

Conway Road is partially washed out. The road is passable; however, drivers should use caution. The washout is marked with orange pylons.

• Devil's Lake Road

Temporary culvert repair has been completed. Drivers should use caution when passing through the area and watch for bumps and uneven ground. Further repairs

will be completed when water levels permit.

• Geeza Road

The washout on Geeza Road has been repaired, however drivers should still use caution while traveling in this area until water levels drop.

• Swinson Road

Water levels have dropped, and water is no longer on the road. The road has sustained some washout damage on the shoulder. Drivers should use caution in the area. Roads crews will be in the area completing repairs as soon as possible.

Davis Lake, Murdoch and Soyer's Lake Roads have been reopened.

These road closures and restrictions will remain in effect until road conditions are deemed appropriate for reopening.

As information to residents, many shoulders and hills have washed out from the significant rain events in the past 72 hours. Staff continue to ensure culverts remain functional and handle the volume of rain received and in the forecast. Repairs will be made as weather and conditions allow.

We want to remind the public to use caution around area lakes, rivers, creeks and other water sources such as ditches, as high water levels and swift currents can create unstable conditions.

Avoid driving on any roadways that are underwater, as road conditions may be unstable and dangerous.

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Tapping into tradition

Cassie Thomas and her mother, Ginger Kulas, taught the half-day session on Ukrainian Easter Egg decorating on April 1. In this tradition, all imagery, colours, and shapes represent different stories and meanings. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



Participants were focused on using beeswax to layer images and symbols onto the raw eggs using a kistka to create the shapes.



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What would it take?

I'VE ALWAYS been an early riser. The opportunity to watch the sun come up over a new day, that first cup of coffee before the rest of the house wakes up, a few quiet moments before the responsibilities kick in. It's lovely.

Is it by choice? Absolutely not.

I have a cat who requires immediate attention at 5:15 on the dot every single morning. Is he starving? No. Is he thirsty? Also no. Does he have an attitude problem I would like to adjust? Yes. Definitely.

I found myself thinking - as little paws swatted at my face at 5:15 on the one day I was able to sleep in for weeks - about the housing summit I attended, and the four words I left the day thinking about; "what would it take?"

The summit was hosted by Place for People, and had everyone with some pull in municipal, county, and provincial politics in the room. It was a full day of panel discussions, an abundance of answers, and somehow, even more questions.

What is the core of the housing issues? Is it the costs? The zoning regulations? Transportation? Building materials?

Or is it a sticky mindset that refuses to find the clarity of what it would actually take? Is it too big of a problem that no one knows where to start? Or is it a fear that the "outside the box" ideas have never been done before?

Are politicians so used to saying "no" that they don't know when to say "yes"?

Jennifer van Gennip, one of the speakers of the day, urged the importance of a shift in mindset. A change in the narrative. That "think outside the box" approach. Instead of the simplicity of a "yes" or a "no", she encouraged responding with one simple question: What. Would. It. Take.

And sometimes, I feel like we all need to be asked that question, and be held accountable to the answer. Especially my cat.

I watch our own local government. Now don't get me wrong, as I've alluded to in other editorials, I recognize that it's no easy job to run for council, and it's impossible to please everyone.

But with that being said, maybe it's time for some more of that "outside the box" thinking.

Yes, there are liability issues with river-related events in the summertime - what would it take to make them happen for the betterment of our tourism season?

Yes, the lack of public transportation options is limiting to folks moving to the region - what would it take to come up with some ideas and test them out?

Yes, housing is arguably the most complicated and intricate of all the social issues in our neck of the woods. So what would it take to fix it? Or at least chip away at it, even a little bit.

Answers don't need to be perfect. So often, as humans, our ego and pride get in the way of decision making. We won't jump in with two feet until we are confident that the work we put our name on will leave us with a legacy our grandkids would be proud of.

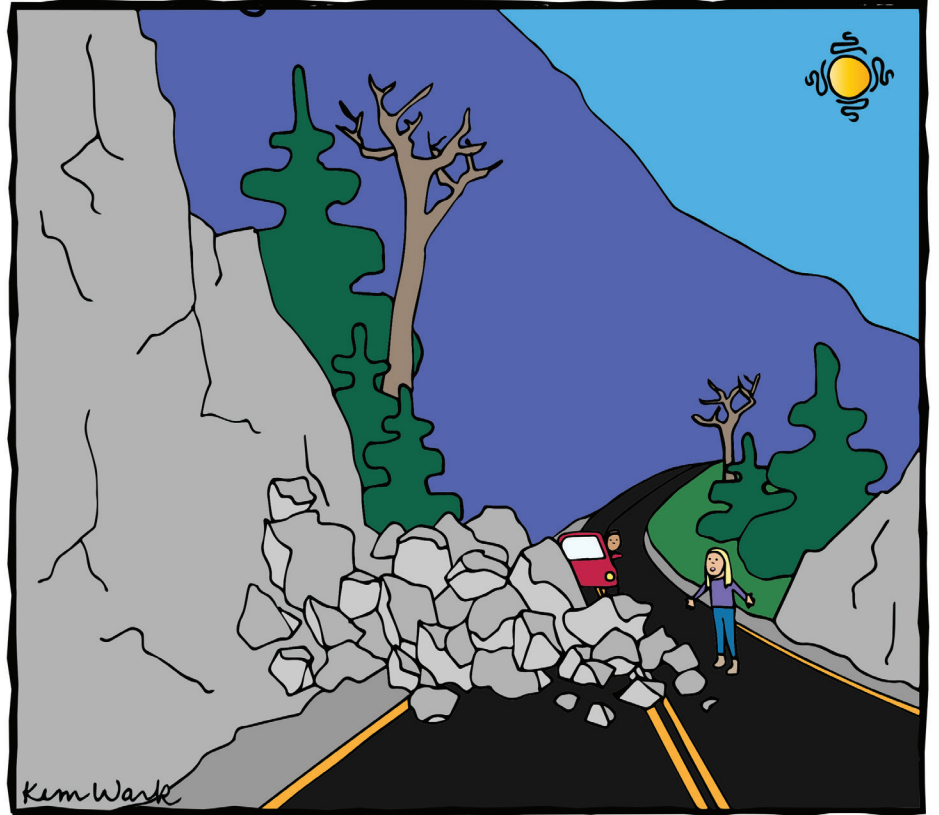
But that's not always the answer. Sometimes, figuring out what it takes means tapping into your inner Miss Frizzle - taking chances, making mistakes, and getting messy.

So whether you're taming a wild cat who lives for a 5:15 wake-up call, or tackling the social concerns of this place we all call home, I urge you to ask yourself the question: what would it take?



EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

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"Sure, it's a landslide, but it's also a ton of free decorative rocks!"

Up front about canoes

WHEN PEOPLE talk about important canoeing skills, they usually describe various paddle strokes, white water skills, the ability to track in a straight line, steer precisely, or turn on a dime. But every angler knows there is just one important canoe skill - and that is ensuring that you are seated at the front of it.

The reason is simple. The angler in the front of the canoe is the one who gets all the good fishing opportunities. He is the one who sees all the good fish-holding structure first. She is the one who takes one or two last casts while the fellow in the back is back-paddling away from an imminent collision with rocks.

As a result, the person in the front of the canoe usually catches more fish. And this makes them irritating.

Don't get me wrong. There are times where being in the back seat of the canoe is more desirable - when heading towards an annoyed cow moose immediately comes to mind. The person in the back also benefits during long paddling trips, primarily because the person up front cannot see how much he or she is slacking off.

Most times, however, you are better off in the front.

The problem is that sometimes you have no choice. That's because there is a tried-and-true formula for who sits where. It is $H = B$. In this formula, which is my contribution to modern science, H stands for Heaviest, and B stands for Backseat.

This makes sense because if the heaviest person were in the front seat, the canoe would nose plough, be harder to handle, and beach much sooner than desired.

So, if you want the coveted front seat

in the canoe, you must either deliberately choose a fishing partner who is heavier than you or get creative.

The former is not an easy thing to do, especially if your potential fishing partner is a sensitive person. That's because there is no normal or risk-free way to ask, "Hey, how much do you weigh?"

Sure, you can take a different approach, but, when they catch you bringing out the measuring tape when their backs are turned, you are probably going to regret it. Likewise, there are few legitimate excuses for suddenly asking a potential fishing partner if they would like a brief piggy-back ride.

The better way is to simply ensure they are heavier than you. This requires a two-prong approach. First you need to lie convincingly about your own weight - which in some cases might require the judicious use of a girdle. Then, to seal the deal, you need to fill your angling partner's backpack or tackle box with rocks when

they are not looking. Alternately, you could just hide a big rock under the back seat of the canoe and then quickly jump in the front seat.

This will cause them to say, "Dude, I thought you were way, way, way heavier than me, but judging by how much lower my end of the canoe is, I was clearly wrong."

To which you can reply, "No problem, but have you ever considered a weight loss program?"

(This would normally be considered very rude, but when talking to a fishing buddy is as polite as you can expect it to get.)

That's really all there is to it.

If you do this successfully, you can take a bow.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Advertising needs rethinking

MY CELL PHONE has one of those cute puzzle apps that help to keep my mind and fingers busy whenever I have a minute or two to spare. It's a wood block puzzle called *Woody Origin* and is fun to play while I'm having the car oil changed, or waiting for my wife at the grocery store.

It is a small joy of life now ruined by an out-of-control advertising industry. I've killed it from my phone because its creators have been stuffing it with advertising that is constantly interrupting my play.

More and more people are complaining about a junk-ad epidemic infecting computer apps, social media and television. It's not just the junk ads. Studies have shown that advertising in general makes people unhappy.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

One extensive study of 27 European countries found that the higher advertising spending in a country was in one year, the less satisfied its citizens were a year or two later.

It has been estimated that the average person is exposed to as many as 10,000 ads a day. These are on television, radio, newspapers, magazines, websites, roadside signs – pretty much everywhere you look. Even your Canada Post mailbox.

People are not just fatigued by the volume, they are increasingly annoyed by advertising that is intrusive, offensive and seemingly impossible to avoid.

Surveys show that consumers are turned off by ads that are completely irrelevant to them. But the most common consumer complaint is about ads that interrupt watching or reading a news story, or break concentration while doing an online puzzle. Ads that take you away from doing what you went to a site for in the first place.

A news site example is found on the ABC network news with David Muir at 6:30 each evening. Once viewers are well into the newscast, they are subjected to an uninterrupted two and one-half minutes of ads, most of them medical ads promoting better skin, better sex, better everything. These are followed by a return to the newscast – a 20-second of news story, barely enough time for a headline before another two and one-half minutes of ads urging you to tell your doctor to prescribe some drug that you really should have.

(Thanks, but my doctor spent a lot of years in medical school and I trust him to figure out what I need without me telling him to prescribe something a television ad says will do wonders for me).

Advertisers took a pause during Covid but used that pause to rethink and reformat ads. The result has been a deluge of irritating post-pandemic advertising.

Without question ads are important to us all. They support newspapers, magazines, television and radio. Without advertising revenue many forms of important mass communication media could not exist.

Advertising is important, but more and more people are so annoyed by it that they are willing to spend money to avoid it. Personal Video Recorders (PVR) are one way viewers avoid TV advertising. They can fast forward the ads and carry on with watching their record program without annoyance.

Apparently PVRs are being made that automatically bypass ads, saving the viewer from having to push the fast forward button.

The advertising industry needs rethink once again and eliminate advertising that treats people like fools. Ditch the poor quality ads and those that are too frequent, too long, boring and of little relevance.

Most importantly the industry needs to stop the insert and popup ads that interrupt the content people have signed on to see.

And, get rid of the ads that track and target, collecting information on us to be used for retargeting. That's invasion of privacy and if the industry won't stop it, government should.

The industry could do itself, and all of us, a big favour by producing ads that give us information that is intelligent and useful.

An example are those Newfoundland and Labrador tourism ads that calmly and quietly show scenes of serenity and beauty. Quiet coves with fishing boats resting before their next outing; villages with brightly painted houses and children laughing as they run beside a shoreline.

Every time I see one of those ads I turn to my wife and say: "We should think about going there."



The fab four

The most popular river levels reference guide in Minden Hills: the four chairs on Gull River. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Inviting all ages to join

Aging Together as Community is inviting all ages to join their meeting on Saturday, April 15 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Minden

Community Centre. Bring a friend, your grandchild. Refreshments are provided.

HCPL's Book of the Week



An utterly original book with a tender core, Lambda Literary Fellow Sacha Lamb's debut YA novel tells the story of the demon Little Ash and his friend the angel, who have been study partners for two centuries, existing quietly in the back of their little shtetl in Poland while debating the Talmud. But then things around them start to change: the shtetl way of life is increasingly threatened by poverty and pogroms, and young people start heading for "the Golden Land": America. When a young woman from their village emigrates and then goes missing, Little Ash and the angel find themselves on a rescue mission to track her down. Their adventures will take them across the ocean and introduce them to Rose, another fierce and intrepid young woman who is journeying to America to find a way to support her family. Along the way the trio will encounter ghosts, corrupt men and vengeful spirits, the horrors of Ellis Island, and the unflinching warmth and support of the community that welcomes them. A story of identity,

love, and transformation, *When the Angels Left the Old Country* is an adventure story with a giant heart.

When the Angels Left the Old Country by Sacha Lamb is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Caregiving Part One: Hawking

I WAS RAILING at the heavens like an insane King Lear about how informal (unpaid) caregivers are invisible and underappreciated when I discovered that StatsCan, in a reasoned and evidence-based voice, made a similar point in a 2022 study based on 2018 (so pre-Covid) data. Let me give them their moment in the storm:

Informal caregiving can give people who help friends or family a sense of well-being, lower the economic burden for families, and reduce costs to governments and other organizations associated with health services and institutionalization. In addition, care recipients benefit from this support when they can remain at home and maintain a more positive quality of life.

Even though informal caregiving is generally considered beneficial because of the savings achieved and the well-being of the care recipients, taking on such responsibilities can have consequences for caregivers. These include the impacts on physical and mental health, participation in the labour force, pressure on personal finances, and reduced time available for other activities. Women are more likely than men to experience difficulties as a result of their caregiving duties, particularly as women represent the majority of caregivers in Canada. While caregivers spend substantial amounts of time providing critical support, it is largely invisible to others (except in its absence), typically lacks social recog-

nition, and goes unpaid and unmeasured.

The consequences of caregiving was illustrated in technicolour in a 2021 documentary, *Can You Hear Me?* (on CBC Gem), about Stephen Hawking (1942-2018). He went through a lot of caregivers between age 21, when he was diagnosed with motor neurone disease (also known as ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease) and 76, when he died. That included, in the informal category, two wives and a daughter. Jane and Stephen met the year before he was diagnosed, became engaged a year into the two years he was expected to live, and married about the time he was scheduled to die. Jane says, a bit plaintively, that caregiving was

longer and harder than she had anticipated. Two children arrived and Stephen became famous. They began integrating helpers into the household, including, 12 years into the marriage, Jonathon Hellyer, a widowed organist. 'Feelings' developed, Wikipedia says, but the relationship was 'platonic for a long time', and Stephen was okay with it as long as Jane continued to love him. Jane vociferously insists that Stephen is the father of their third child, born a couple of years after Jonathon moved in. At the 20-year mark in the marriage, Stephen requires a tracheostomy and round-the-clock nursing is instituted. He becomes 'close' with one of these nurses, Elaine, boisterous and adventurous, the antithesis of Jane. Five

years later, he dumps Jane for Elaine. Ten years later, there is concern about spousal abuse, which is denied, but he and Elaine divorce. Lucy, his daughter then aged 36, becomes his intellectual partner and personal caregiver for the last 12 years of his life.

Stephen is famous for proving that black holes in space could emit radiation and would eventually exhaust their energy and evaporate -- which I find, morbidly perhaps, a fascinating parallel to his illness. I envision his caregivers as campers seeking the warmth and inscrutability of a roaring bonfire but vulnerable to flying sparks. Objects at the edge of a black hole are frozen in time; I wonder if that is how Jane felt.

Most caregiving situations have less drama and profile than Stephen Hawking's; in fact, I suspect they are usually dull and drab and hidden in the shadows of daily life, comprised of a million necessary mundane tasks, the dis-

ciplined putting of one foot ahead of the other to go the distance -- without, often, having a good idea of what that distance is. Not being goal oriented -- or not being able to articulate or embrace that goal -- makes the path seem longer, meaningless, worthless.

Informal caregiving is an integral part of life; it is what makes life possible, most notably at the beginning and end of life, but, I would argue, at all points in between -- it is, I think, what is lacking when loneliness sets in. It needs to be honored for the essential element that it is. Seen. Respected. Supported. Celebrated. And since we live in Mark Carney's market society, monetarily valued, given a price tag, remunerated.

We honour Stephen Hawking's life and contribution. We should equally honour that of Jane and Elaine and Lucy.



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Saturday singing

Gord Kidd performs during the Haliburton County Folk Society's Open Mic Night in the Club Room at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 in Haliburton on Saturday, April 8. /TIM YANO Special to the Times



Mixed Bag performs during the open mic night on Saturday, April 8.

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Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.

Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.

Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.

Every other Friday Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m.

Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541

Schedules are subject to change without notice. Check our Facebook page Minden Legion Branch 636 for more info.

Exhibition "Library of Dresses":

Michelle Karch-Ackerman with Tanya Zaryski

When: April 15 to end of June

Where: Rails End Gallery, 23 York St, Haliburton
Karch - Ackerman's "Library of Dresses" pairs with Zaryski's "Rewilding" paintings in a magic and wonder filled exhibition that honours creative play and intuition and joy in an approach to making. Contact: 705-457-2330 www.railsendgallery.com

Haliburton County Historical Society

When: Thursday Apr. 20

Where: Haliburton Museum, 66 Museum Rd, Please join the Haliburton County Historical Society and guest speaker Dan Smith of the Haliburton Fish Hatchery to learn about the 18-month journey of the Haliburton Gold. Light refreshments will be served.

Small Glories

When: Apr. 22, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Legion

This multi award winning duo brings to the stage folk-pop melody and instrumentation - songs of love, loss, and environment, delivered with soaring, interwoven vocals on various combinations of stomping clawhammer banjo, guitar and harmonica. Contact: Don Gage 705 286-5085, info@haliburtonfolk.com www.haliburtonfolk.com



One of the most popular events of the day was the Easter Egg hunt at Abbey Gardens, where eager children collected eggs scattered through the forest to win prizes.



A beautiful day at the Gardens

Abbey Gardens' Easter at the Gardens was held on April 8, and saw hundreds of families out on the sunny day. Pictured above, Maple McNabb, 1, and Carly Gilpin, cottagers from Mountain Lake, made the trek to visit the Easter Bunny at the Gardens. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff



The Abbey Gardens Food Hub made a collection of sweet treats and custom drinks for the event.



"The big reason we hold events like this is to be able to offer more programming for kids in the community," shared director of operations at Abbey Gardens, Ashley McAllister. Easter at the Gardens raised over \$4500 on April 8, which will go towards developing summer camps, outdoors education programs, and future family friendly events



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Jumping in for a good cause

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

With a steadily increasing need for the Minden Community Food Centre (MCFC), organizers have decided to make a big jump to raise money ... literally.

On Apr. 6, the MCFC launched their first official social media campaign to raise funds for their ongoing programming. The “Jump in the Lake” challenge was informally kicked off by a sole local diver by the name of Amanda Federchuk several years ago.

Federchuk would raise money from her friends and family with the incentive of jumping in the lake as the ice began to thaw each spring, and she would donate the funds to the MCFC. With that original idea in

mind, MCFC manager Jean Munroe thought that there would be an opportunity to jump on the unique idea. “I thought, let’s expand this idea, and turn it into something for the whole community,” she told the *Times*.

Munroe noted that with social media, there are opportunities to involve a new demographic, and not only expand their donor base, but also educate individuals across the region about the work that the MCFC does.

This awareness is key to expanding their reach, and helping more families, shared Munroe.

In 2022, the MCFC was providing food for an average 232 people per month. Four months into 2023, and that number has jumped to an average of 260 per month, with no signs of slowing down as the year progresses.

“We are seeing lots more families,” said Munroe, “with most of the issues stemming from food prices, cost of housing, and lay-offs.” But that’s not the only demographic of MCFC users on the rise. “We are also seeing a huge increase in seniors using the services,” she said. “Many are finding it difficult to manage their budget these days.”

Munroe hopes that by launching the “Jump in the Lake” campaign, the MCFC can elevate their online presence, and add a level of “sophistication” to what they do.

Plus, at the end of the day, it’s a fun event. Munroe hopes to get as many people involved as possible, including local businesses. “I want to go down and talk to businesses and challenge them to get involved,” she said. “I think it would be fun to get a little competition, a little rivalry going, to see how

much we can raise.”

The main jumping day is set for May 6, which will conclude the month-long fundraising initiative. Folks are encouraged to form a team to raise money, or they can participate solo. On the final day, all participants will dive in the recently-thawed out local lakes, and share images and videos of the big jump in an attempt to raise awareness and funds for the MCFC. The campaign has a target goal of \$10,000 overall.

If folks are not interested in taking the jump, they are also welcome to donate via the MCFC website or in-person at 24 Newcastle Street in Minden. All donations will be met with an immediate charitable tax receipt. To register a team or to make an online donation, visit www.mindenfoodbank.org.

Community cardboard village workshops

The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands is inviting families with children from five to 12 years of age, to join local artists for a hands-on collaborative project.

We are offering workshops in two locations, to be presented over three Saturdays in May (6, 13, and 20) in Haliburton and in Wilberforce.

Together, we will construct cardboard

buildings of local landmarks creating our magnificent villages, along with scenery, roads, vehicles and villagers. We will add signage and stories to go with the buildings that share history, interesting facts and some folklore. The final Cardboard Village Art Creation will be on public display for the month of June, 2023.

The workshops are free to the community

and families are invited to attend all three in their location or drop in at one or two.

Haliburton Dates: May 6, and May 20 at the SIRCH Bistro and Marketplace; and May 13 at the Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub. Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Wilberforce Dates: May 6, May 13 and May 20 at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Community Centre. Time: 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Preferred registration, and for further information go to the home page of: www.haliburtonarts.on.ca

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Answers on page 11

Battle of the birdies

Taylor Consack jumps to reach the birdie while playing with doubles partner Avery Degeer during a mens doubles game during the senior Kawartha pre-qualifying tournament held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Tuesday, April 4. The pair came third, and all participating HHSS badminton players qualified for this week's tournament at Kenner High School in Peterborough. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Rozanne Hynard and Sue Sisson stand in front of boxes of book donations that were donated to Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library. On the first and third Friday of every month, the Book Nook is open at the Minden Branch from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and all books are available for purchase by donation. Funds raised from the books are used for branch furnishings, children's programs, community workshops, and more. The Friends are currently seeking more volunteers to assist with the Book Nook and additional fundraising initiatives. For more information, visit www.haliburtonlibrary.ca. /EMILY STONEHOUSE, staff

Celebrating the Friends of the Library

by CHRIS STEPHENSON
Special to the Times

One of the great pleasures of my time as a librarian has been observing the many ways people in every community come together to support their public library. This takes many forms, and residents are often not aware that just visiting a library or becoming a member is a simple but key way to support your local branch. Patrons and visitors help make Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) busy and vibrant, and they help us shape services and programs by expressing their needs, their interests, and by showing up in-person and online. We also partner with local agencies and organizations to collaborate and share expertise to offer more of what may be needed. As a result, library service changes with the times.

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But there is one special group of supporters that some libraries are lucky to have. They work behind the scenes, tirelessly and with ongoing commitment, to help fundraise for library initiatives and purchases. They volunteer their time, energy, and enthusiasm for their local public library by advocating for us and planning featured events such as book sales to raise money. The group I'm speaking about is the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library. And the reason I'm bringing them up today is that 2023 is a special year for our Friends – On Apr. 7 they celebrated their 20th Anniversary. This is an incredible milestone for these active library volunteers who have made such a contribution and a difference to HCPL over the years. Since 2003 when the Friends were formed, they have raised tens of thousands of dollars from gala events, seasonal book sales, and operating the Book Nook inside Minden branch as well as book sale shelves and carts in each of our branches.

Members of the Friends were there when we broke ground for the new Minden branch and when it opened in October 2009. They were there for the opening of the new Dysart branch in November 2009, and then again for the launch of the Wilberforce location in June 2014. Through it all and for two decades, the Friends have consistently supported HCPL with funds for furnishing, bookshelves, unique book collections, tech devices and learning kits for all ages, special computers for our youngest patrons to support learning, and much, much more.

Each winter, the Friends have helped us purchase multiple copies of the Evergreen Award nominee books we feature in every branch. One of their great legacies is that they've made possible the purchase of regular book club sets, which circulate frequently and support dozens of book clubs across Haliburton County. This year, the Friends are helping the library purchase new radon screening detectors, instruments for the HCPL ukulele club, and they're funding prizes for our recent bookmark contest.

It's delightful to see the Friends in action at our library branches and representing themselves around the community at events such as Bookapalooza in September. They

come rain or shine all year round to sort, organize, and move books around, and their energy is noticed by all our staff. Especially on book sale days and when they organize interesting speaking engagements. Despite challenges with the pandemic, the Friends ran a successful virtual café event featuring a conversation with Canadian figure-skater, Kurt Browning. Currently in the works, the Friends are organizing an in-person café with local author and historian, Guy Scott. On Monday, Apr. 24 at 2 p.m., a conversation about the history of one room schoolhouses in the County will take place at the Minden Hills library branch. It's admission by donation and light refreshments will be served.

And let me tell you, their donations are well-spent in every case. As well as their day-to-day operations and offering memberships to support their organization, the Friends have an executive council and run regular board meetings, keep minutes, and oversee their finances. I'm fortunate to attend these meetings myself, to update their directors on the latest and greatest happening at the library, but also to make presentations for things we identify we need or would like to invest in throughout the year. The Friends ask good questions, thoughtfully deliberate and discuss plans, and they make decisions about what projects they wish to support.

The ongoing relationship between the Friends and the library board and staff at all branches of the Haliburton County Public Library is remarkable and important. With all they do, the Friends and all their volunteers contribute to the betterment of our public libraries in each of our municipalities. Through their work they also directly support Canadian authors and local bookstores, and actively help to promote our initiatives and our County library system. They're still going strong, but this is a great time in their history to stop and marvel at the Friends' 20 years of service milestone this season. And time for me to thank them, too. On behalf of myself, the library board and the staff at HCPL, on behalf of our patrons and seasonal visitors, and book clubs everywhere: a sincere thank you to all directors and volunteers of the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library.

HHSS students make their mark

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

The picturesque mural of Ritchie Falls canvassing the wall of the entrance at Haliburton Home Hardware is all thanks to a few students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

With the guidance of local painter Wendy Wood, a Grade 11 art class spent a couple of months learning to mix colours and practiced landscape painting before presenting Home Hardware with the finished piece.

“The owner envisioned a mural that he hoped would be done by high school students. It totally opened the door, and I just went straight to Wendy Wood, and everything fell into place,” said Kevin Dunlop, paint department supervisor at Haliburton Home Hardware.

From there, Karen Gervais, department head of arts at HHSS, was contacted, and students got to work with Wood’s help.

Each student started with a small-scale version of the painting.

“It got everyone familiar with the area. I provided the photos, and we did sketches,” Wood said. “From that, I had done a sketch to start with, and they transferred the sketch onto the board. From there, we moved it into the back room of the art room, and it probably took about two months to complete.”

Ritchie Falls was the subject matter for the painting because it was a familiar place to both Wood and the students.

The mural is painted on wood panels with acrylic paint, both provided by Home Hardware.



A mural of Ritchie Falls painted by Grade 11 HHSS students now hangs in the front entrance of Haliburton Home Hardware. /Photos submitted

Three students said mixing colours was one of the biggest learning points for them during the process.

“It was very educational. She taught me a lot. With mixing paint, I never would have thought to add blues, and reds, and greens all together,” said Kamryn Holden.

Veronica Beynon said she now uses techniques from the project in her own personal art.

“It was a lot of fun, especially with the opportunity to have a piece of work out in the community,” the Grade 11 student said.



Students work on the mural under the guidance of Wendy Wood.

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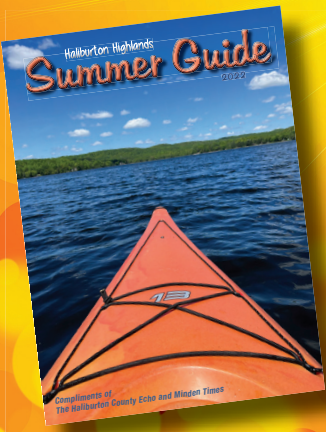
Application deadline is Monday, April 17, 2023, by 12:00 noon.

For an Application Form or for more information, please visit our website www.mindenhills.ca Local Government/Committees and Boards, or contact admin@mindenhills.ca or call the Clerk’s Department at 705-286-1260 ext. 512

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Upcoming Land Trust events

- Western Chorus Frog, Learn and Listen - Thursday, Apr. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Minden Cultural Centre. Admission by donation.
- Chorus Frogs have been showing alarming declines across some parts of the province. Join local field naturalist Ed Poropat as he takes us on a journey through the lifecycle of these tiny amphibians, with some insights as to why they seem to be disappearing from our landscape. A brief indoor presentation will be followed by a short car ride to a location where chorus frogs are known to call. Pre-registration required at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca. This event is funded by Environment Canada & Climate Change, Habitat Stewardship Program.
- Land Trust Discovery Days - Annual Don Smith Memorial Spring Bird Walk - Saturday, May 20 at 6:30 a.m. on the Haliburton Rail Trail. Admission by donation.
- Meet at the Rail Trail parking lot opposite high school at 6:30 a.m. See and hear the spring warblers as they return to or pass through Haliburton County. These colourful birds are a delight to see and a challenge to hear. Hone your bird ID skills with Ed Poropat, a local naturalist and avid birder. For details and to register visit www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca. This event is funded by TD Friends of the Environment Fund.
- Where is the Whip-poor-will? - The Bathe Farm, Sedgwick Rd. Gelert on Saturday, June 3 at 8:30 p.m. Admission by donation.
- Join Dave Bathe to learn about this interesting nocturnal species whose name sounds exactly like its call. You will learn about its habitat preferences, diet, and distinguishing characteristics. You will also learn about the present threats to its habitat and how you can maintain and/or improve this habitat. After the presentation, we will go outside and listen to the Whip-poor-wills calling on Dave’s property. Pre-registration required at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca. This event is funded by Environment Canada & Climate Change, Habitat Stewardship Program.
- If you have any questions please contact our office at admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 705-457-3700



The annual Don Smith Memorial Spring Bird Walk is scheduled for Saturday May 20 at 6:30 a.m. at the Haliburton Rail Trail, and will be led by local naturalist and avid birder, Ed Poropat. /Photo by Ed Poropat



Committee of Adjustment - Notice of Public Hearing Application For Minor Variance

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

Date: Monday, April 24, 2023
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: This meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a virtual meeting.

To participate:
Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588
Enter Meeting ID: 857 4843 8383 and **Passcode:** 167349

Join the meeting using a computer or smart phone at:
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Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at: <https://youtube.com/live/hJHtTgwuhw?feature=share>

Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dsisson@mindenhills.ca by Friday April 21st before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 9:00 AM. Participants registering after 9:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider Minor Variance Applications PLMV2022100, PLMV2023002, PLMV2023006, PLMV2023014, PLMV2023018 and PLMV2023021 and the proposed minor variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act as shown below:

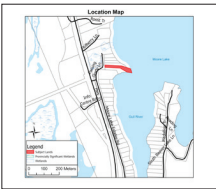
PLMV2022100 - Part Lot 18, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1017 Canfield Lane and located on Canning Lake (See Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of a two-storey, 44.6 square metre addition to an existing two-storey, 69.11 square metre dwelling on an existing undersized lot. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in the ground floor area of the existing cottage by 64.5% whereas an increase in 25% is otherwise permitted. The effect of the application would also permit an increase in size of the dwelling, being a structure located in part within 15 metres of the high-water mark, where no size increase is otherwise permitted.



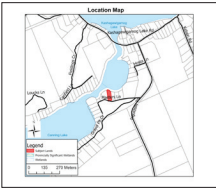
PLMV2023002 - Part Lot 22, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth municipally known as 1224 Wessell Road and located on East Moore Lake (See Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the tear down of an existing one-storey dwelling with attached decks and having reduced water and front lot line setbacks to construct a new 1.5-storey dwelling with a partial walkout basement and attached deck and covered porch. The effect of the application would permit an increase in the dwelling height of 3.93 metres whereas otherwise an increase of 1.2 metres is permitted, together with an increased dwelling size of 205.6% whereas a maximum of 25% is permitted. The application will also serve to recognize high-water mark and front lot line setbacks for the covered porch, being a new structure, of 15.24 metres and 4.03 metres, respectively whereas otherwise 23 metres is required.



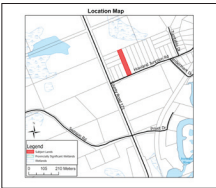
PLMV2023006 - Part Lot 27, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1022 Passing Grade and located on Moore Lake (See Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the expansion of a one-storey dwelling in the form of a new sunroom and to enlarge an existing attached deck having a setback to the high-water mark of 14.5 metres. The effect of the application would permit a reduced side yard setback of 4.2 metres to the sunroom whereas otherwise 4.5 metres is required and to further permit an increased deck size of 45.9% whereas no increase in size is permitted within 15 metres of the high water mark; and to further permit a roof overhang of 2.46 metres over a portion of the existing deck.



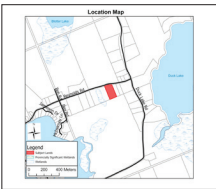
PLMV2023014 - Part Lot 19, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1048 Masters Lane and located on Canning Lake Kashagawigamog Lake Narrows (See Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose and effect of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended to permit the addition of a second story on a portion of the existing dwelling having a deficient water yard setback of 11.2 metres, whereas 23 meters is otherwise required.



PLMV2023018 - Part Lot 5, Concession A, Geographic Township of Snowdon; municipally known as 1031 Howland Junction Road (See Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose and effect of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended to permit the construction of a single storey detached garage having a ground floor area of 47.6 sq. m, to located in the front yard with a deficient side yard of 2.0 m; whereas 3.0 m is required.



PLMV2023021 - Part Lot 17, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1640 Reynolds Road (See Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of a 2-story detached garage a ground floor area of 95 m2. The effect of the application would permit a new deficient side yard of 3.0 metres whereas setback of 10 m is otherwise required.



Additional information regarding these applications will be available online. Links to meeting agendas and full reports can be found on our Minden Hills Civic Web. A copy of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

Any person or agency who is of the opinion that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause them significant prejudice, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing. If a person or agency does not make a submission to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the electronic hearing, and the person or agency does not participate in the hearing in accordance with this Notice, then the Committee may proceed without the party’s participation and the party will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

Accessibility: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/ made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

For more information about this matter contact at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or 705-742-2297 ext. 278

Amanda Dougherty
Township Planning Consultant
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
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In Loving Memory of

Patti Leanore Fleury

Born January 14, 1937, Died March 23, 2023

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The Fleury family is deeply saddened to announce the passing of their family's North Star, Patti Leonore Philip Fleury. Not only a guidepost for her family, but Patti was a pillar in every community she was so proudly a part of. She bravely held out her hand to all who were sailing through the highs and lows of life, both in celebrating their triumphs and in offering to carry a load in their storm. She voyaged through life as an advocate-- She dreamed big, always able to recognize a chance to make something from nothing and having the skills to actually make it happen. It was her greatest passion to forge new opportunities for her communities of Scarborough and Kinmount, and to help make them thrive. Her list of accomplishments was innumerable, her wit unmatched, but it was the way she made people feel that will be the legacy she leaves behind.

Arriving in heaven to meet her husband of 60 years, Bruce very likely remarked "it's been hard without you here to take the minutes. Let's get you a pen." And just like that they got to work, building a new community centre in the sky.

Beloved wife to the late Bruce Forbes Fleury. Cherished mother to David (Rita), Megan (Greg), Graeme (Winston, the dog) and the late Paula Caitlin Fleury Jarrett. The most doting grandmother to Emma (Jeff), Austin (Paulina) and Benjamin. Forever wishing for more time with her is great-grandson, Bruce Fleury Harvey. Remembered most-fondly by her cherished friends, the communities she worked so hard to serve, Kinmount and Scarborough, and all those who were lucky to have a chance encounter with her.

Patti was a powerhouse to behold, both personally and professionally. No matter the task, she took to it with enthusiasm, skill and a great sense of humour. Her career-life began at her beloved University of Toronto, where she studied Physio and Occupational Therapy, graduating first in her class. She spent the majority of her career working at the Scarborough General Hospital and became a staple in many of the departments there, including Prenatal, Palliative Care and Rehabilitation. Her bedside manner was next-to-none. She treated every person as though they were the most important person in the room, and was a force of calm for so many, in the most difficult and stressful times of their lives.

Patti was passionate about making opportunities for others to thrive. Frustrated by the lack of degree program for Physio & Occupational Therapy, Patti worked to secure a position on the Governing Council for the University of Toronto, the first student ever to form part of the board. She petitioned to make her beloved program a degree program, and upon successfully doing so, went back to complete the requisite requirements to obtain her degree.

Bettering the lives of Children was always a mutual passion for Patti and Bruce. Having met at a summer camp for children with special needs, Patti and Bruce dreamt of opening their own summer camp, at their family farm. Connemara Camp and Center was the first of its kind, integrating neurodivergent children and children with physical impairments with neurotypical children. They ran camp Connemara, during their summers "off", for 15 years.

Once officially retired (who are we kidding, they never stopped!), Patti & Bruce moved permanently to Kinmount and their beloved hobby farm. It was there they began their next round of initiatives: becoming founding members of the Kinmount Pioneer Society, a highlight at the Annual Labour Day Weekend Fair, working with longtime neighbours and residents of Kinmount and launching their beloved Kinmount Artisans Marketplace & Guild, where talented craftspeople could share their work with the world, and the rejuvenation of the Kinmount United Church, where they worked so hard to build a beautiful congregation with the help of the community.

Patti lovingly wrote a weekly column, called Around the Town, for the Minden Times. Weekly readers often remarked that they felt as though they were getting a piece of Patti's life each week as she shared the "ordinary adventures" of her family and friends turning them into extraordinary stories of the heart.

As we reflect on Patti's life and legacy, we are reminded that she always gave everyone the benefit of the doubt, consistently reminding us that everyone is just doing their best. Her best made the world a brighter and kinder place.

Today to honour and celebrate Patti, we ask that you extend some kindness, a smile, a hand to a stranger and be happy that you are continuing to grow and build on her legacy. Celebration of Life to be held on Sunday May 7, 2023, 1:00 pm at the Kinmount Community Centre 4995 Monck Rd Kinmount, Ontario

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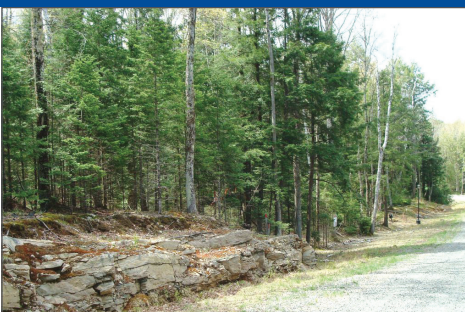


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16 hour proposal

Board firm on 24 hour emergency

by Andrew Milne

Health board members said last week the board will face down pressure from the Ministry of Health (MOH) to reduce Minden Hospital's emergency hours.

Fireworks erupted briefly over the subject at the Thursday Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) board meeting, when a draft operating plan proposed operating the facility for 16 hours daily during the winter months.

Board sources close to Minden hospital say that plan would actually wind up killing Minden's facility altogether, since the group of physicians currently covering the wards are coming some distance to get here, and won't cover the operation if it's running less than 24 hours.

The plan in question — presented to the board by Extencare Canada, which is expected to wind up with hands-on management of the facilities — must eventually be submitted to and be approved by the Ministry before the board can get approval to proceed with its hospital building project.

Extencare representative Jack Penaligan confirmed, in response to board questioning, that the 16 hour proposal was drafted due to perceived pressure from the Ministry of Health (MOH) in that direction, and to the widely held belief that any further balking from either of the two ministry branches significantly involved in the project — those responsible for acute and for long term care — might wind up killing a



How sweet it is

Youngsters and adults alike got a sweet taste of spring this past weekend as the Highlands welcomed hundreds of visitors to the MapleFest celebration. Like many families, this group enjoyed the traditional maple taffy over snow at the Wintergreen Maple Bush near Gelert. The location is one of many throughout the Highlands open to visitors for the spring festival. MapleFest continues until Sunday.

project political officials say has to get going now or not at all.

Said Penaligan, "We can go ahead and submit it based on 24 hours — you can take your chances and do it that way. The danger of course is they will dig in their heels, lock up the project."

However, where previous such discussions at the board level have seen some difficult, divisive confrontations, this time around there seemed to be far less disagreement on the subject. Board members seemed rapidly to reach a general consensus that the hospital should continue to be operated 24 hours

daily, at least for the immediate future, whatever the provincial ministry's opinion on the subject, and that anyone in the ministry having difficulty with the concept is simply going to have to get used to the idea.

Though some board members suggested that the Ministry might merely require that they write a plan for 16 hour operation, then accept it if they were able to find the savings to run the facility for 24 hours, others — including board chair Hugh Nichol — responded that they suspected very strongly that if the plan were submitted for 16 hour operation, the provin-

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Snowdon waste issue under investigation

by Andrew Milne

Complaints from landowners living adjacent to Snowdon's Irondale landfill site have touched off an investigation at the Ministry of the Environment and Energy.



The investigation follows on the heels of an MOEE decision to permit the township to accept a material known as 'shredder waste' at the site. The material is the non-metallic waste left over when derelict vehicles are scrapped.

Snowdon government sources say they have halted deliveries of the waste to the site pending further information as to how to proceed, though communications from the commission responsible for overseeing the complaint have suggested they might be within their rights to continue.

The landowners protesting the decision say they are angry with the process which is being followed, and that they have evidence the material is toxic.

The proceeding is formally a review of Ministry action with respect to the decision. However, the two landowners who lodged the complaint say they remain equally offended by the municipality's conduct in the affair.

Lee Jasper, one of the two men, says essentially that he feels the people who are supposed to represent the public on both sides have let them down — both at the Ministry level, and at the municipal level.

"There wasn't a free and open consultation," says Jasper. "It was clearly an attempt to use a back door scenario... I just ran across a copy of the Ontario EPA guidelines, and according to that information a public hearing is required if you're bringing in outside fill, in excess of the amount of garbage generated by 1,500 households. Well this is far beyond that... As to the ministry's role, the frustrating thing is we all pay tax dollars for this organization to assure us that we're not going to be polluted, and the environment is not going to be contaminated, and then when they don't do their job, well of course we're left with nothing."

Says Bill Powell, who owns property across the road from the site, "We're concerned about the process — the way they shoved it through — kind of behind the backs of the residents of the township for openers. That was a lot to do with it."

The township did circulate information to landowners, with property immediately adjacent to the site, telling them of the decision to accept the waste, but the letter, said local residents, reached most of them late in the week before the deadline for public

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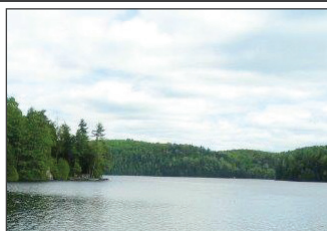


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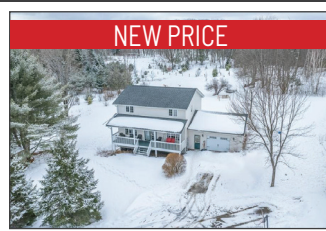
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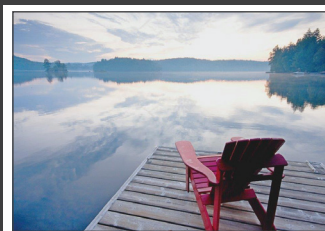
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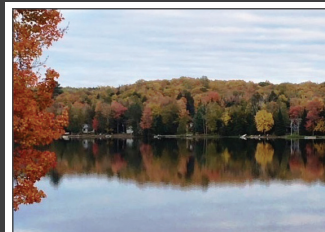
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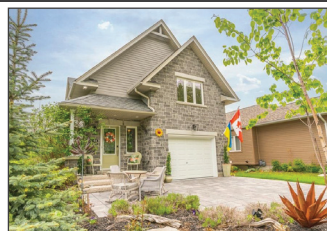
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